



USDA WEEKLY NATIONAL LAMB MARKET SUMMARY

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National Sheep Summary

Weekly Trends: Compared to last week slaughter lambs steady to 4.00 higher; slaughter ewes steady to 4.00 higher; feeder lambs steady to 9.00 higher. At San Angelo, TX 6556 head sold in a one day sale. Equity Electronic Auction sold 760 slaughter lambs in Wisconsin, Nebraska and Minnesota. In direct trading slaughter ewes 1.00-1.50 lower; no comparison on feeder lambs or replacement ewes.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3 90-160 lbs:

San Angelo: shorn and woolled 90-140 lbs 88.00-100.00.
Eastern Area
(VA and PA): woolled 90-110 lbs 103.00-119.00 in VA and in PA 90-110 lbs 135.00-148.00; 110-130 lbs 130.00-142.00; 130-160 lbs 116.00.

Inter Mt Area
(CO, WY and MT): shorn 155 lbs 93.75.
Kalona, IA: shorn 146 lbs 97.00; woolled 120-150 lbs 92.50-97.00.
South Dakota: woolled 120-145 lbs 93.00-95.00; 157 lbs 91.00.
Oklahoma: shorn and woolled 100-120 lbs no test.
Missouri: 120-155 lbs 91.00-100.00.
Equity Elec: shorn and woolled 125-160 lbs 93.75-95.50.

Slaughter Lambs: Good and Choice 1-2:

San Angelo: 40-90 lbs 105.00-117.00; set 95 lbs 100.00. hair lambs 40-90 lbs 99.00-110.00.
Kalona, IA: 50-55 lbs 112.00-125.00; 68 lbs 98.50; 70-105 lbs 96.00-98.50. hair lambs 65-85 lbs 86.00-99.00.
Inter Mt Area: 65-70 lbs 103.00-107.00; 75-80 lbs 105.00-111.00; 90-105 lbs 101.00-111.00.
Missouri: 60-80 lbs 100.00-107.00; 80-120 lbs 95.00-101.00. hair lambs 40-70 lbs 90.00-109.00; 80-100 lbs 78.00-84.00.
Virginia: 60-90 lbs 106.00-123.50; 90-110 lbs 100.00-118.00.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 1-2:

Eastern Area: 40-50 lbs 244.00-252.00; 50-60 lbs 200.00-204.00; 60-70 lbs 165.00-177.00; 70-80 lbs 140.00-156.00; 80-90 lbs 138.00-150.00.

Direct Trading: (Lambs fob with 3-4 percent shrink or equivalent)

TX: 800: Feeder Lambs 85-90 lbs 105.00-108.00; 95-110 lbs 105.00.
MT: 1800: Feeder Lambs 80-100 lbs 104.00-105.00.
400: Replacement Ewes yearlings 150.00 per head; solid mouth 75.00 per head.
ID: 3100: Feeder Lambs 110 lbs 107.50.
UT: 3300: Replacement Ewes yearlings 155.00 per head; mixed age 125.00 per head.

Eastern

Corbalt: 1300: Slaughter Lambs shorn 130-160 lbs 84.00; woolled 90-110 lbs 90.00-92.25. Good and Choice 1-2 60-90 lbs 110.00. Slaughter Ewes Utility and Good 1-3 25.00-28.50; Cull and Utility 1-2 24.00-25.00.

Slaughter Ewes:

San Angelo: Good 2-3 30.00-38.00; Utility and Good 1-3 39.00-49.00, set 52.50; Utility 1-2 30.00-38.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 20.00-30.00; Cull 1 10.00-20.00.
Pennsylvania: Good 2-3 36.00-44.00; Utility 1-2 30.00-42.00; Cull 1 28.00-38.00.
Ft. Collins: Good 3-4 27.00-33.00; Good 2-3 35.00-39.00; Utility 1-2 28.00-32.00; Cull 1 6.00-14.00.
Billings, MT: Good 3-4 no test; Good 2-3 no test; Utility 1-2 no test; Cull 1 no test.
So Dakota: Good 2-4 45.00; Good 2-3 30.25-31.25; Utility and Good

1-3 32.00; Utility 1-2 15.00-28.50; Cull 1 13.50-16.25.
Oklahoma: Good 2-3 42.00-55.00; Utility 1-2 30.00-35.00; Cull 1 20.00-30.00.
Missouri: Utility and Good 1-3 29.00-41.50; Utility 1-2 18.00-23.00.
Virginia: Good and Choice 2-4 34.00-57.00; Utility 1-2 25.00-51.00; Cull 1 30.00.
Kalona: Utility and Good 1-3 no test.

Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2:

San Angelo: 60-80 lbs 101.00-113.50; 80-110 lbs 100.00-109.50.
Virginia: 40-60 lbs 95.00-111.00; 60-90 lbs 103.00-125.50.
Inter Mt area: 60-80 lbs 102.50-104.25; 100-105 lbs 99.00-101.00; 119 lbs 97.00; 125 lbs 94.75.
Kalona: 98 lbs 95.50.
So Dakota: 60-65 lbs 115.00-119.50; 70-80 lbs 114.00-118.00; 80-90 lbs 98.00-117.50; 90-100 lbs 107.50-113.00; 100-110 lbs 98.50-101.00; 110-120 lbs 96.25-98.50.
Missouri: 55-90 lbs 65.00-80.00.

Replacement Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2:

Kalona, IA: Mixed age bred 185-215 lbs 25.50-28.50 cwt.

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National Daily Lamb Carcass Report

Negotiated sales for delivery within 14 calendar days, FOB Plant basis

Compared to last Week: Carcass Lamb 45# up .68-1.68 lower.

DAILY CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 1-4

Head 1,228

Weight	Head	Wt Avg
45-DN	105	251.57
45-55#	96	235.97
55-65#	495	221.36
65-75#	250	214.50
75-85#	199	213.99
85-UP	83	212.00

* SAT-FRI CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 1-4

Head 11,344

Weight	Head	Wt Avg
45-DN	408	276.01
45-55#	605	246.43
55-65#	2,210	225.51
65-75#	3,341	217.66
75-85#	3,547	215.30
85-UP	1,233	212.12

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USDA National Lamb Estimated Grading Percent Report

Week Ending 11/29/2008: Actual FIS Sheep Slaughter 40,060 head. 38,084 Lambs, 95.1% of total Sheep slaughtered. 29,248 graded, 76.80% of total Lambs slaughtered. 219 Certified Schedule CL, 0.75% of total Lambs graded.

GRADE BREAKDOWN	Yield	Grade	(May include hindsaddles)	Total	
Quality	1	2	3	4	5
Prime	0.00%	1.46%	3.91%	2.65%	0.72%
Choice	3.46%	32.12%	41.50%	12.05%	2.12%
Total %	3.46%	33.59%	45.42%	14.70%	2.84%

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HIGHLIGHTS

SLAUGHTER LAMBS

Choice & Prime 2-3
Shorn & Woolled
(130-160 pounds)

Latest	Last Wk	Last Yr
San Angelo, TX	N/Q	95.00
El Reno, OK	N/Q	106.50
Ft Collins, CO	N/Q	N/A

SLAUGHTER EWES

Good 2-4

Latest	Last Wk	Last Yr
San Angelo, TX	39.50	39.50
St. Onge, Newell, SD	N/Q	26.64
Ft. Collins, CO	33.00	N/A
Sioux Falls, SD	N/Q	40.50

FEEDER LAMBS

Medium-Large 1-2
Woolled (90-110 pounds)

Latest	Last Wk	Last Yr
San Angelo, TX	104.75	106.75
St. Onge, Newell, SD	105.00	109.66
Ft. Collins, CO	100.00	N/A

CARCASS LAMB

FOB PLANT WT AVG

	Last Week	Latest
45#-Dn	303.51	251.57
45-55#	249.57	235.97
55-65#	219.11	221.36
65-75#	216.82	214.50
75-85#	215.66	213.99
85-Up	217.87	212.00

Last Year

45#-Dn	361.32
45-55#	233.92
55-65#	219.82
65-75#	209.55
75-85#	207.79
85-Up	208.63

National Boxed Lamb Cuts

FOB Plant basis negotiated sales for delivery within 0-21 day period, fresh and frozen carlot volume, including sales since last report, U.S. dollars per 100 pounds.

Current Volume

Fresh Cuts 1,302,069 pounds
Frozen Cuts 315,999 pounds

Items with no entries indicate non-reportable trades.

FRESH CHOICE & PRIME CUTS

IMPS	Sub-Primal	# Of Trades	Total Pound	Weighted Average	Change from Prior Days
200A	Carcass, 3-way, 55/dn	4	314	\$302.48	
202	Foresaddle	8	3,500	\$281.64	(6.04)
203	Bracelet	5	2,218	\$303.26	(17.51)
204	Rack, 8-Rib, light	11	1,942	\$655.42	16.44
204	Rack, 8-Rib, medium	78	17,271	\$536.17	0.78
204	Rack, 8-Rib, heavy	24	10,241	\$504.84	0.20
204A	Rack, chined	42	12,137	\$651.75	7.69
204B	Rack, roast-ready	27	6,994	\$840.79	(23.04)
204C	Rack, roast-ready, frenched	145	29,098	\$1,047.95	(17.50)
204D	Rack, roast-ready, special	21	4,676	\$1,385.17	9.19
206	Shoulders	110	154,942	\$179.64	(3.32)
207	Shoulders, square-cut	185	115,068	\$225.01	0.84
208	Shoulders, square-cut, bnls	21	3,101	\$369.76	(9.02)
209	Breast	89	35,533	\$92.87	0.43
	Breast, bulk	26	30,217	\$71.30	(2.45)
209A	Ribs, Breast bones off	22	1,225	\$327.33	4.24
210	Foreshank	239	36,900	\$315.01	2.39
230	Hindsaddle	6	635	\$322.25	11.84
231	Loins	18	2,922	\$302.99	(1.77)
232	Loins, trimmed 4x4	72	18,967	\$395.76	5.94
232	Loins, trimmed 2x2	4	449	\$526.36	6.46
232	Loins, trimmed 1x1	13	4,724	\$627.94	4.77
232A	Loins, short-cut, 2x2	20	4,789	\$548.83	(1.93)
232A	Loins, short-cut, 1x1	78	19,985	\$572.31	(24.84)
232A	Loins, short-cut, 0x0	50	20,864	\$605.45	(29.61)
232C	Loin, boneless, tied	6	201	\$1,052.56	0.19
232E	Flank, untrimmed	22	31,331	\$49.46	(8.44)
233	Legs	86	42,329	\$267.95	1.63
233A	Leg, trotter-off	213	63,915	\$278.94	1.76
233C	Leg, trotter-off, partial bnls	62	55,199	\$385.63	(0.60)
233E	Leg, steamship	29	22,704	\$360.13	(6.86)
233F	Hindshank	53	9,742	\$336.99	5.55
234	Leg, Boneless, Tied	146	62,202	\$400.07	0.39
234A	Leg, shank off, bnls	83	22,041	\$449.56	3.63
234B	Leg, 2-way boneless	5	1,170	\$386.66	1.47
234E	Leg, inside, boneless	87	10,020	\$507.80	(1.27)
234G	Sirloin, boneless	15	1,210	\$413.26	0.55
236	Back, trimmed	22	226	\$576.70	0.75
238	Trimnings	23	2,348	\$253.18	(0.42)
295	Lamb for stewing	55	10,536	\$459.34	3.88
296	Ground lamb	111	17,193	\$450.91	69.46
	Necks	30	3,910	\$93.56	4.37

FROZEN CHOICE & PRIME CUTS

IMPS	Sub-Primal	# Of Trades	Total Pound	Weighted Average	Change from Prior Days
204	Rack, 8-Rib, medium	15	11,115	\$332.12	(16.99)
209	Breast	7	16,836	\$86.98	(0.85)
	Breast, bulk	5	84,069	\$72.54	0.41
209A	Ribs, Breast bones off	7	684	\$270.71	0.22
210	Foreshank	4	2,502	\$312.28	(1.20)
232	Loins, trimmed 1x1	3	2,576	\$388.33	
233A	Leg, trotter-off	5	5,086	\$257.79	7.36
233F	Hindshank	4	765	\$302.73	0.00
234	Leg, Boneless, Tied	6	1,465	\$427.49	21.17
234E	Leg, inside, boneless	6	213	\$547.97	(25.51)
238	Trimnings	9	41,880	\$71.96	(2.29)
246	Tenderloin	3	270	\$415.06	
295	Lamb for stewing	32	6,690	\$384.33	(0.49)
296	Ground lamb	30	3,090	\$317.32	2.42
	Necks	24	47,038	\$74.53	36.56

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National Weekly Comprehensive Lamb Carcass Report

Combined Negotiated, Formula and Forward Contract sales for delivery within 14 calendar days, FOB Plant basis.

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CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 1-4		Head	11,880
Weight	Head	Wt Avg	
45-DN	408	276.01	
45-55#	605	246.43	
55-65#	2,210	225.51	
65-75#	3,536	217.86	
75-85#	3,709	215.20	
85-UP	1,412	212.28	

CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 5		Head	301
Weight	Head	Wt Avg	
45-DN	0		
45-55#	0		
55-65#			
65-75#			
75-85#			
85-UP			

CERTIFIED FRESH AMERICAN LAMB		Head	Wt Avg
Weight	Head	Wt Avg	

UNGRADED		Head	365
Weight	Head	Wt Avg	
45-DN	22	176.55	
45-55#	59	145.91	
55-65#	64	156.23	
65-75#	149	146.38	
75-85#	36	140.39	
85-UP	35	139.84	

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USDA Estimated National Lamb Carcass Cutout

Based on 5-Day Rolling weighted average FOB plant prices collected under Mandatory Price Reporting and industry yields.

*** Based on information provided by major lamb breakers the lamb cut percentages have been updated ***

CUTS		FOB PRICE	CHANGE	%	CARCAS	LBS.
FORESADDLE						
204	RACK, 8-RIB MEDIUM	536.17	0.77	10.77%	7.43	
209	BREAST **	78.11	0.03	8.85%	6.11	
207	SHOULDERS, SQ-CUT	225.01	0.84	23.53%	16.24	
210	FORESHANK	315.01	2.39	3.82%	2.64	
	NECK **	75.99	34.29	2.22%	1.53	
HINDSADDLE						
232	LOINS, TRIMMED 4X4	395.76	5.94	10.97%	7.57	
232E	FLANK UNTRIMMED **	57.34	1.51	3.39%	2.34	
233A	LEG, TROTTER OFF	278.94	1.77	31.88%	22.00	
GROSS CARCASS VALUE:		265.66	2.40	95.45%	65.86	
FORESADDLE VALUE		266.98	2.31	49.20%	33.95	
HINDSADDLE VALUE		290.41	2.74	46.24%	31.91	

Carcass value less process/packaging per cwt cost of \$31.50
NET CARCASS VALUE 234.16 2.40

* Shrink and trim of 3.14 lb's not reflected in cutout value
* Based on Actual Federally Inspected Slaughter Carcass Weight of 69 lbs. for W/E 11/29/08, up one pound from last week.
**Includes Fresh and Frozen Product\

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Actual Slaughter Under Federal Inspection

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For W/E 11/29/2008

Monday	10,458
Tuesday	10,855
Wednesday	6,797
Thursday	111
Friday	9,898
Saturday	1,941
Total	40,060

Lambs & Yearlings 95.1%
Mature Sheep 4.9%

Red Meat Production

(Estimated, except *Actual*)

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Production Mil.Lbs.

13-Dec-2008	3.2
06-Dec-2008	3.4
Change	-5.9%
15-Dec-2007	3.5
Change	-8.6%
2008 YTD:	158.2
*2007 YTD: *	167.5
Change	-5.6%
29-Nov-2008	2.7

Average Live Weights

13-Dec-2008	136
06-Dec-2008	135
15-Dec-2007	137
29-Nov-2008	137

Dressed

13-Dec-2008	68
06-Dec-2008	68
15-Dec-2007	68
29-Nov-2008	69

Slaughter

13-Dec-2008	47,000
06-Dec-2008	50,000
Change	-6.0%
15-Dec-2007	51,000
Change	-7.8%
2008 YTD:	2,269,000
*2007 YTD:	2,422,000
Change	-6.3%

New Zealand Meat and Wool Export Summary

LAMB: The NZ lamb kill for the season to date is up by 10 percent on the five year average even though it is estimated there will be 23 percent less lambs processed this season compared with last year. With some regions already drying off quickly and with some fairly strong signs from the industry that the global markets after Christmas are expected to be muted at best, farmers are offloading stock as quickly as possible. Schedule prices dropped between 15 and 35 c/kg across the board compared to last week, with the heavier grades suffering the most.

Lamb (\$/Head)	Fat Cover (mm)	Week Ending 06-Dec-08	Week Ending 29-Nov-08
24 lbs	0-6	22.14	25.77
33 lbs	7-12	40.42	43.21
46 lbs	7-12	54.93	58.42
Pelt 1 lb		0.77	1.13
Ewe (\$/Head)			
46 lbs		23.83	24.77
Wool (c/cwt clean)	(microns)		
Fine	21	247.66	256.74
Medium	25	171.46	177.81
Coarse	35	81.19	93.44

Notes: All prices are U.S. Dollars./ All meat prices are carcass based and net to farmers. Lamb values include a 1 kg shorn pelt. Ewe values at 0.5 kg pelt.

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Canadian Federally Inspected Slaughter

	Current 11/29/08	Week Ago 11/22/08	Year Ago 12/01/07	11/29/08 YTD	12/01/07 YTD	%Change
Cattle:	64,875	65,848	64,244	2,975,054	2,978,719	-0.1%
Calves:	5,401	5,201	5,205	233,945	236,726	-1.2%
Sheep:	3,265	3,040	3,245	154,012	147,938	4.1%
Hogs:	435,684	435,436	417,038	18,863,215	18,742,512	0.6%

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Canadian Live Animal Imports By State Of Entry

State	Fdr	Slghtr Lambs	Slghtr Ewes	Brndg Males	Brndg Females	Other	Total
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Texas Sheep Export Figures

Thursday, 12/11/2008	WEEK-TO-DATE	YR-TO-DATE	PREV YTD	PERCENT
		2008	*2007*	CHANGE
Slaughter				
Lambs	0	0	0	0
Ewes	1,483	1,813	102,774	110,517
Breeding Males	0	0	0	0
Breeding Females	0	0	0	0
Total	1,483	1,813	102,774	110,517

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Lamb & Mutton Imports

METRIC TONS OF LAMB FOR REPORTING PERIOD:			10/19/08-10/25/08				
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	Manufact	Carcasses	Cuts	Misc	Fresh	Processed	TOTAL
Australia	0	102	363	0	0	0	465
Canada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Zealand	0	0	322	19	0	0	341
Other	0	3	1	0	0	0	4
Total	0	105	686	19	0	0	810

METRIC TONS OF MUTTON FOR REPORTING PERIOD:			10/19/08-10/25/08			
Australia	0	0	0	0	1	1
Canada	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Zealand	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	1	1

LAMB	Australia	N Zeal	Canada	Other	Total
Wk Ending 25-Oct-08	465	341	4	810	
Prev Week 18-Oct-08	352	370	16	738	
Year Ago 27-Oct-07	727	325		1,052	
2007 YTD	23,966	13,920	27	44	37,957
2008 YTD	19,987	13,985	7	52	34,031
2008 to 2007 by %	83.40%	100.47%	25.93%	118.18%	89.66%

Imported Lamb

NATIONAL WEEKLY LAMB CARCASS AND LAMB CUTS - IMPORTED PRODUCT
FOB cold storage; negotiated sales for delivery within 0-21 days and for delivery 22/Up days; fresh and frozen carlot volume; U.S. dollars per 100 pounds.

Items with no entries indicate non-reportable trades

WEEKLY VOLUME	AUS = Australian	NZ = New Zealand
Negotiated Sales 0-21 days:		Negotiated Sales 22/Up days
Fresh Cuts =	1,252,043 Pounds	Fresh Cuts = 14,584 Pounds
Frozen Cuts =	733,479 Pounds	Frozen Cuts = Pounds

NEGOTIATED SALES 0-21 DAYS, FRESH	# of Trades	Total Pounds	Price Range	Weighted Average
Sub-Primal				
AUS Rack, CFO, Cap-on, 34 oz/up	7	18,017	760.00-	765.00
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20-24 oz	38	15,219	757.00-	925.00
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 24-28 oz	28	10,116	757.00-	999.00
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 28 oz/up	19	5,981	865.00-	955.00
AUS Shoulder, Square-cut	35	115,205	170.00-	220.00
AUS Fore Shank, VP	30	29,211	250.00-	300.00
AUS Shortloin, 1-Rib, 1x1	6	5,082	370.00-	559.00
AUS Leg, semi bnls	31	90,497	279.00-	350.00
AUS Leg, bnls	43	82,357	310.00-	399.00
NZ Shoulder, Square-cut	8	15,244	171.00-	221.00

NEGOTIATED SALES 0-21 DAYS, FROZEN	# of Trades	Total Pounds	Price Range	Weighted Average
Sub-Primal				
AUS Carcass, 35 lb/up	8	12,750	182.00-	210.00
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20-24 oz	12	4,383	617.00-	895.00
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 24-28 oz	4	1,947	765.00-	870.00
AUS Shoulder, Square-cut	5	15,595	132.00-	175.00
AUS Shoulder, Square-cut, bnls	8	22,202	265.00-	325.00
AUS Fore Shank, LP	18	80,741	207.00-	274.00
AUS Shortloin, 1-Rib, 1x1	24	26,427	420.00-	560.00
AUS Leg, Long	7	19,362	207.00-	255.00
AUS Hind Shank, LP	7	11,460	262.00-	355.00
AUS Leg, bnls	31	52,308	323.00-	365.00
AUS Leg, bnls, shank-off	19	44,760	269.00-	399.00
NZ Carcass, 30 lb/dn	8	10,682	197.00-	225.00
NZ Rack, 8-Rib, Standard	8	4,930	332.00-	375.00
NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 12 oz/dn	16	4,691	567.00-	702.00
NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 12-16 oz	68	51,156	611.40-	760.00
NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 16-20 oz	51	53,262	623.00-	730.00
NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20 oz/up	27	11,403	630.00-	746.50
NZ Shoulder, Square-cut, bnls	12	20,519	242.00-	495.00
NZ Loin, Eye of, ss-off, 6 oz/up	6	414	865.00-	985.00
NZ Leg, semi bnls	6	5,235	300.00-	321.00

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Regional Weekly Summaries

Mountain Areas and Western United States Sheep

Receipts: 8535 Last Week: 1250 Last Year: 8990

Compared to last week: No recent comparison on feeder lambs. Replacement ewes mostly steady on comparable trades. Demand and trade activity light to moderate. The supply consisted of 57 percent feeder lambs the balance replacement ewes. Feeder lamb sales FOB with overnight stand or equivalent 3-4 percent shrink unless otherwise noted. Prices quoted per cwt. Current delivery unless otherwise noted.

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South Central Direct Sheep

Feeder Lambs: No recent comparison on feeder lambs. Trading and demand moderate. The bulk of the sales this week were on lambs that had been on feed for ethnic markets but had gotten too heavy. **Slaughter Lambs:** TX: None. **Slaughter Ewes:** TX: None.

Replacement Ewes: TX: None.

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Eastern Cornbelt Direct Sheep

Total sheep and lamb sales: 1268 Last Week: 914 Year ago: 751

Compared to last week, slaughter lambs traded steady to firm. Slaughter ewes sold 1.00 to 1.50 lower. Feeder lambs not tested. Slaughter goats traded steady. Trade active with moderate to good demand. Especially for slaughter lambs and kid goats. Offerings light to moderate. This week's supply was made up of 75% lambs and 25% slaughter ewes; with an additional 2355 head of goats.

http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/gx_ls335.txt

Sioux Falls Weekly Sheep Auction

Compared to last week, woolled slaughter lambs 3.00-4.00 lower, shorn lambs not tested. Slaughter ewes not well tested today. Too few feeder lambs offered to fully establish the market. Sheep supplies this week near 70 percent slaughter lambs, 28 percent feeder lambs, 3 percent slaughter ewes and the balance mostly bucks. Receipts this week 537 including 82 goats compared with 626 including 99 goats last week and 1536 including 610 goats a year ago.

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Weekly Lamb Pelts

WEEKLY LAMB PELTS PRICE REPORT, FOB Major Production Points
Per Piece Price

Pelt activity this week compared to last week: Packer sorted green salted pelts steady.

PELT TYPES: SHORN	PACKER, Price Range	SEED Range	FREE, MOSTLY GOOD UNSHORN	DENSITY WOOL Price Range
Fall Clips	5.00 -	8.00	Wools	3.00 - 6.00
No. 1	4.00 -	7.00	Pickling skins	1.50 - 3.25
No. 2	3.00 -	6.00	**Springers;	6.00 - 7.00
No. 3	2.00 -	3.00	Western Slope,	7.50 - 8.00
No. 4	1.00 -	2.00	Idaho,	
			Idaho,	7.50 - 8.00
Imperial's			Kansas,	
Fall Clips			Midwest,	
No. 1			Native(Gray)	
No. 2				

Livestock Mandatory Reporting on Negotiated, Formula and Contract trades last week showed 20,023 pelts consisting of 71.42% woolled, 26.33% Fall Shorn No.1, 2.25% No.2, 0.00% No.3&4.

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National Wool Review

Domestic wool trading on a clean basis was at a standstill this week. With no confirmed sales this week. Demand very light to light.

Weighted Average Clean Wool Prices for this week Prices reflect FOB warehouse sales for Original Bag, Bellies Out wool (some graded), in square packs, 76 mm or longer. No allowance made for coring, freight or handling fees at the warehouse level to reflect net grower prices.

*** Indicates new Price this week ***

Micron	U.S. GRADE	Fleece States	Territory States	Texas/ N.M
18	80'S	N.A	None	None
19	80'S	N.A.	None	None
20	70'S	None	None	None
21	64-70'S	None	None	None
22	64'S	None	None	None
23	62'S	None	None	None
24	60-62'S	None	None	None
25	58'S	None	None	None
26	56-58'S	None	None	None
27	56'S	None	None	N.A.
28	54'S	None	None	N.A.
29	50-54'S	None	None	N.A.
30-34	46-50'S	None	None	N.A.

(N.A. - microns normally not available in this area) Wool less than 75 mm discounted .10-.20 clean. Classed and skirted wools usually .10-.20 premium to OB prices.

Greasy wool trading was at a standstill this week. With no confirmed sales this week. Demand light to moderate. A wool sale was held in Texas this week and confirmed sales will be reported next week.

FSA Wool LDP payment unchanged at .16 per pound net grower on a greasy basis. This week's Mohair LDP unchanged at 1.55 per pound.

Domestic Wool Tags - delivered to buyer, greasy basis:

1 .25-30 # 2 .15-.20 # 3 .10

Mohair trading was at a standstill this week. With no confirmed sales this week. Demand moderate.

In Australia this week the Eastern Market Indicator was down 9 at 780 cents per Kg clean from last week. A total of 43,516 bales were offered with sales of 84.4 percent. Next week's will offerings totaling 47,160 bales. The current exchange rate is .6560 percent of the U.S. dollar.

Australian Wool Sales - Prices Delivered Charleston S.C. All Schlumberger dry basis.

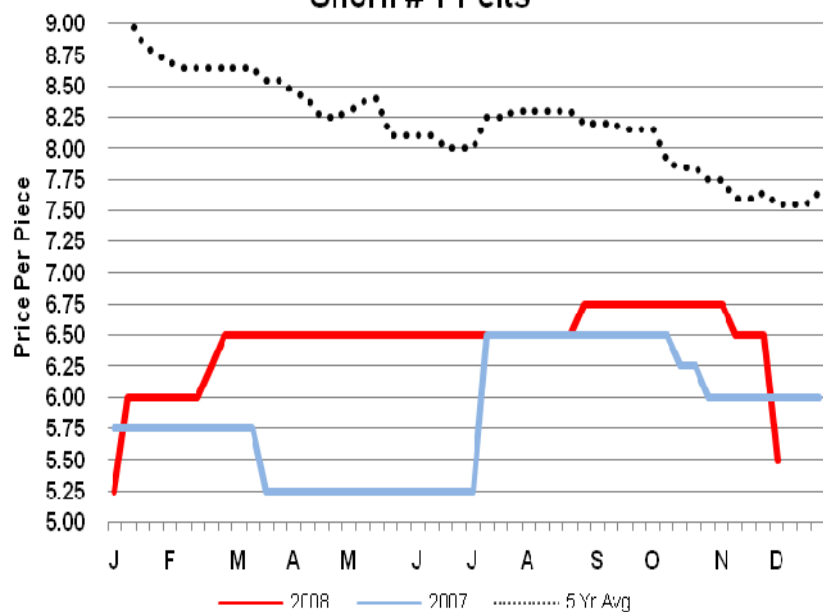
Micron	US Grade	Clean Del Price in U.S. Dollars	Change from last week
18	80's	3.69	+ .05
19	80's	3.16	- .03
20	70's	2.52	+ .01
21	64-70's	2.41	+ .03
22	64's	2.35	+ .04
23	62's	2.33	+ .05
24	60-62's	2.23	+ .04
25	58's	1.86	----
26	56-58's	1.80	+ .01
28	54's	1.46	- .01
30	50's	1.40	+ .02
Merino Clippings		1.56	+ .05

EMI closed at 780 cents per kg clean

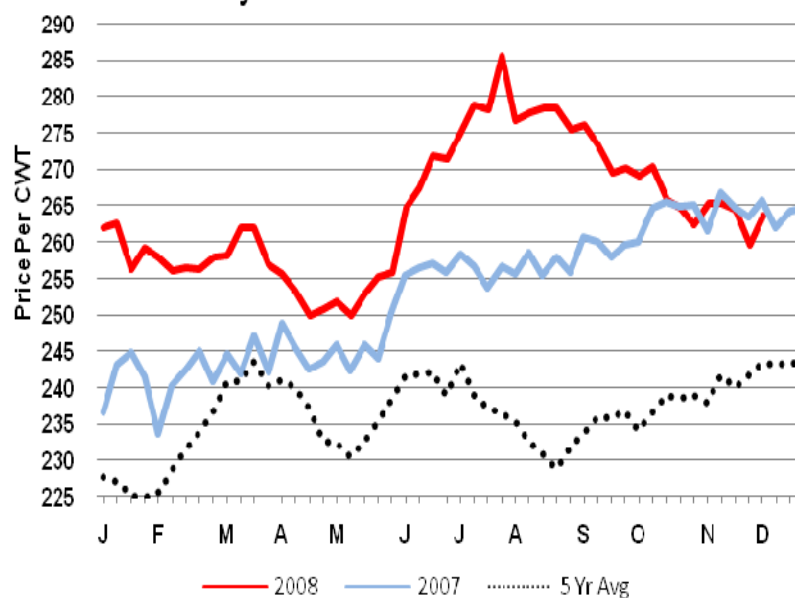
Australian Exchange rate to U.S. \$ is .6560

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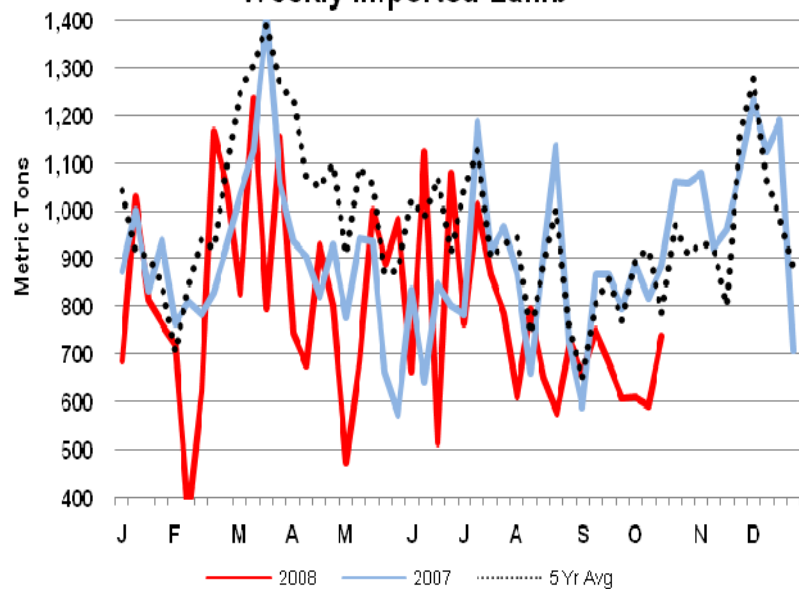
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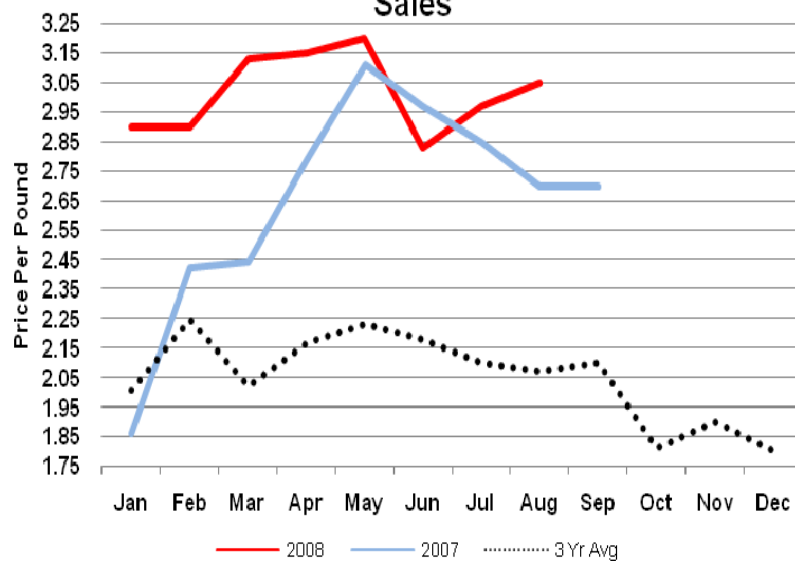
Weekly Gross Carcass Cutout Value



Weekly Imported Lamb



Monthly Clean Wool, US Grade 64's, Territory Sales



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